GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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INDIRA MAHILA YOJANA
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives and details of achievements of Indira Mahila Yojana since its inception , State-wise, particularly in the tribal and dalit dominated regions;

(b) the number of women groups constituted under this scheme, particularly in Maharashtra;

(c) whether the Government propose to introduce the 'Indira Mahila Yojana' in every block of the tribal and dalit dominated regions of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) Indira Mahila Yojana (IMY), a scheme for the holistic empowerment of women, had the following objectives:-

(i) To ensure convergence of sectoral services at the local, block and district levels, through active involvement of women and sectoral departments.

(ii) To optimize the utilization of scarce resources in speeding up the process of mainstreaming women in development.

(iii)To create awareness in women through provision of information on different developmental programmes and issues of specific concern to women, as also on equality of social status, legal rights (like those to property and inheritance), constitutional safeguards etc.

(iv) To initiate a process of awareness generation/education to enable them to understand and analyse their problems and find solutions through their collective interaction to match the individual programmes benefits to their needs.

(v) To help women become self-reliant and independent by their economic empowerment through income generation activities and active participation in decision making at various stages.

To achieve these objectives, the basic thrust of IMY was on formation of Self-help Groups (SHGs)of women in villages at anganwadi level and to encourage thrift and savings activities as an entry point.

A statement showing the achievement regarding formation of SHGs, state-wise, as per the position communicated latest by State Governments, is annexed.

(b) As per the position communicated latest by State Governments, there are 22,899 women's groups under IMYin the Country, of which 1,060 are in Maharashtra.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) IMYwas operative in only 238 blocks in the Country. Recast IMY, renamed Integrated Women's Empowerment Programme (IWEP), is also to be expanded to only 650 blocks in the country.

While all the 238 erstwhile IMY blocks will be retained underIWEP, the new 412 blocks will be selected by State Governments keeping in view the following:-

- Preference will be given to areas where similar schemes do not exist and there is no group movement;

- Preference will also be given to areas where crime rate against women is high, major social indicators are unfavourable to women;

- State Government is committing additional resources and linkages for women's development; and

- Priority will be given to blocks having a large number of population below the poverty line and high proportion of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe population.

Statement in respect of part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4527 for 17.4.2001 regarding Indira Mahila Yojana

Sl.No.	STATE	No. of IMY Blks	No. of Groups formed	No. of Members
1	Andhra Pradersh	14	321	886
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1	102	0
3	Assam	5	2285	35495
4	Bihar and Jharkhand	20	743	2675
5	Goa	1	77	2772
6	Gujarat	18	2297	15008
7	Haryana	8	534	12901
8	Himachal Pradesh	3	277	4661
9	Jammu & Kashmir	2	0	0
10	Karnataka	15	2301	35164
11	Kerala	7	1704	30295
12	M.P. and Chhatisgarh	19	1919	22553
13	Maharashtra	21	1060	19329
14	Manipur	1	0	0
15	Meghalaya	3	73	2727
16	Mizoram	1	108	2160
17	Nagaland	1	30	385
18	Orissa	7	140	1624
19	Punjab	5	774	11920
20	Rajasthan	10	1572	21068
21	Sikkim	1	112	2240
22	Tamilnadu	21	2513	0
23	Tripura	1	62	446
24	U.P. and Uttaranchal	30	2412	9958
25	West Bengal	14	1483	23683
26	Delhi	2	0	0
27	A and N Islands	1	0	0
28	Chandigarh	1	0	0
29	D & N Haveli	1	0	0
30	Daman & Diu	1	0	0
31	Lakshadweep	1	0	0
32	Pondicherry	2	0	0
Total:		238	22899	257950